

EXHIBIT 6 – LETTER OF SUPPORT

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Allamakee County Economic Development Board of Directors supports the public improvement project for local development for the I-JOBS II Disaster Prevention Grant Program for the "Allamakee County Secondary Road North Central Shop & Storm Shelter". This newer facility will benefit the public by regionalizing three county shops into one facility that will be out of the flood plain and will have a much needed Storm/Emergency Shelter attached to this facility. Also, the construction of this facility will add jobs to the community in which this county needs due to the unemployment rate of 8.5%, the fourth highest in Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Olson".

Laura J. Olson
Executive Director

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF I-JOBS II GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, during the 2010 Legislative Session, the Iowa Legislature enacted Senate File 2389 (the "Act"), creating the I-Jobs II Program and providing for I-Jobs grant funding to assist in the development and completion of public construction projects relating to disaster prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Act also created new chapter 18B of the Iowa Code, which provides, inter alia, that local governments shall consider and may apply certain planning principles, denominated by the Act as "Smart Planning Principles" during the deliberation of all appropriate planning, zoning, development, and resource management decisions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 88 of the Act, only cities or counties that apply "smart planning principles and guidelines pursuant to sections 18B.1 and 18B.2, ..., may submit an application to the Iowa jobs board for financial assistance for a local infrastructure competitive grant for an eligible project under the program"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Allamakee desires or may desire to apply for I-Jobs II grant funding for an eligible project within the County, to wit:

Allamakee County North Central Shop & Storm Shelter

At the Dorchester Secondary Road County Shop(built 1973) within Allamakee County in 2008 we had three(3) feet of water in and around the shop building due to heavy rains. Heavy roadway equipment and dump trucks were also flooded making it difficult to do emergency flood road repairs. We also have two(2) other County Shops in the Northerly part of our County, located more specifically in New Albin(built 1972) and French Creek(built 1981) area. Our project is to relocate from these three(3) older shops and purchase five(5) acres out of the flood plain and build one(1) regional maintenance facility with a storm/emergency shelter in the North Central part of the County. Moreso, there is no storm shelter in this area and there is a need due to more recreational use areas with several cabins, mobile homes, camp sites, and other substandard housing structures. The new public facility would be built using higher efficiency utilities, green building principles, and sustainable designs. This regional facility promotes good public fiscal management and reduces the impact of natural disaster hazards to property and life.

NOW THEREFORE, the County of Allamakee hereby resolves as follows:

1. The County shall promptly perform a review to determine the potential advantages and disadvantages to the County of amending its comprehensive plan utilizing Smart Planning Principles in conformance with the Act.
2. In the event the County is awarded one or more grants under the Iowa Jobs II local infrastructure competitive grant program pursuant to the Act, the County shall complete the amendment of its comprehensive plan utilizing smart planning principles in conformance with new chapter 18B within three years of the award of such grant(s).

Passed and approved this 26th day of July, 2010.



Lennie Burke
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Christine M. Gavin,
Deputy County Auditor